

ROOSEVELT AND CONSTITUTION

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SANTO DOMINGO LATEST CASE

Objection Also Made to Appointment of Board in Washington. Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—While the papers of the country without regard to section are filled with expressions relative to the change in sentiment towards President Roosevelt on the part of the men who opposed with most violence his election to the presidency, it is well enough to go little slowly in the matter of encomiums. The President has manifested a side of his character that was hidden to many thousands of people before the election. He has done things which have demonstrated to the people of the South, especially, that he honestly desires their welfare, and that he is determined to be the ruler of all the people.

The Southern people have demonstrated their traditional claim to have a say in their government by meeting the President half-way, and the cordiality of their endorsement of his administration in the past few months must be gratifying to a whole-hearted, hearty, nature like Theodore Roosevelt's. But the most serious objection urged against the election of Roosevelt was not the one that he was a sectionalist, but that he was erratic, headstrong, a man moved by impulse rather than reason, and too much inclined to disregard law and the Constitution in administering the affairs of government.

Disregard for Law.

The President has already done several things which indicate that these latter traits were not unfounded. Several times he has been guilty of disregard of the law in discharging the duties of the presidency, and that in the past two or three months. At this rate, he will have a long record of such violations against him when his administration ends.

The President attempted to put into effect a treaty with Santo Domingo which, while desirable in itself, probably, changed the whole tenor of the Monroe Doctrine as heretofore interpreted. The constitution hereof provided that all treaties with foreign countries shall be ratified by the Senate before becoming effective, was set at naught, and had it not been for the insistence of several senators who, while friendly to the administration, were opposed to seeing the Senate's right and duty to pass on treaties disregarded, it would never have gone to that body.

While this was the most flagrant of the President's disregard of law and Constitution, there are other instances of offenses of this character which are of greater import and significance.

Other Instances.

The President appointed Fourth Assistant Postmaster a sort of traveling inspector of affairs connected with the construction of the Isthmian Canal. It is claimed, and apparently with justice, that he has not the right to make such appointment without the creation of the office by act of Congress. The Constitution is quite clear in saying that the President shall not have the power to create a new office. But he went ahead and created these offices. In the case of Mr. Brewster, at least, a good salary was attached.

It is now discovered that the President exceeded his constitutional authority when

Dr. Osler's Theory Wrong! Age of Man 150 Years

Dr. Lyman Beecher Sperry Says Good Health and Activity for Century and Half Are Possible.

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"I find that with advancing years a stimulant such as Paul recommended to Timothy prevents the infirmities of old age. My Only Medicine is Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey."

The startling statement made by Dr. William Osler in a recent address delivered in Baltimore, in which he advanced the absurd theory that men cease to be at their best after the age of 40, and that their usefulness had entirely departed at 60, has called down more adverse criticism than any proposition ever formulated by the medical profession.

Had Dr. Osler taken the trouble to probe a little deeper before making his rash statement, he would have discovered that during the past fifty years nearly 4,000 hale and hearty old men and women have reached and passed the century mark, and in nearly every instance their vigorous health and continued usefulness in old age are due to the regular use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.

In proof of this statement, there are given herewith a few extracts picked at random from many thousands of testimonials from doctors, ministers of the Gospel and old men and women who have been kept hale and hearty by the use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.

John Arnold, Reading, Pa., 103 years old: "Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is a godsend to the aged."

Rev. M. N. Houghton, D. D., Bradford, Pa.: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to man."

Francis Burton, Buffalo, N. Y., 111 years old: "I wait on myself and with the continued use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, believe that I am good for 25 years more."

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He postponed for ten days the time when the Cuban reciprocity treaty should go into effect. This discovery will cause much of a muddle in the customs division of the Treasury Department.

The President will not be harshly criticized, perhaps, for these infractions or disregard of the law. He has become too well liked. The people feel that he is honest, and courageous, and is sincere in his mind to do the best he can for the country. But honesty, and courtesy, while prime requisites for a good President, are not all that is needed. President Roosevelt is demonstrating that he is lacking in that careful regard for law and constitutional provision which has characterized American Presidents almost without exception.

Bringing Home the Remains.

The body of Mr. R. Spotswood Pollard will reach New York on the steamship Cedric to-morrow from England, and will be taken to the old family place, Zora, in King William county, for burial.

Mr. Pollard was killed on March 15th by an explosion in the Bullock-Vaughan Company's plant in England.

Mr. W. W. Pollard, brother of the deceased, will meet the remains in New York, while another brother, Mr. W. G. Pollard, of Richmond, will make the necessary funeral arrangements. Deceased was a civil engineer of ability and prominence.

Real Estate Sales.

Yesterday afternoon the A. J. Chewning Company sold at auction the property No. 315 West Leigh Street, Mr. Henry Travers, the purchaser at \$325.

H. A. McCurdy, real estate agent, sold the frame store and dwelling corner First and Hill Streets. Mr. George J. Porter was the highest bidder and bought the property as an investment.

Colonial Tea Postponed.

The colonial tea, which was to have been given Friday evening in Marshall Hall, under the auspices of a missionary band of Leigh Street Baptist Church, has been indefinitely postponed. The date for the tea will be set later.

Credit Men Protest.

The Richmond Credit Men's Association at its last regular meeting passed resolutions protesting against the passage of bill now before Congress for the repeal of the national bankruptcy act of 1893.

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